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REMARKS

**RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY****1. BRATISLAVA**

a. Jelinkova Barracks, PETRZALKA (P 49/X 49):

(1) Infantry unit \* and SNB unit.

(2) Engineer troops of about two companies left the barracks about mid-September 1949. It was rumored among the population that the unit was shipped to the Yugoslav border \*\*.

b. Former ration supply depot on Mlynske Nivy Street, now used as troop quarters:

(1) Troops of an engineer regiment, including a bridge-building company with Herbert-type heavy bridge equipment and a machinery pool with drilling machines, steam rollers, concrete mixers, gravel crushers, road-clearance equipment and electric generators \*\*\*.

(2) River battalion, commanded by Lt Col BOROVEC and including Maj FIAM and Staff Capt KADLEC. The battalion was equipped with river patrol craft armed with heavy machine guns. The boats were stationed in the BRATISLAVA winterharbor ø.

c. Artillery Barracks:

(1) Horse-drawn artillery unit with guns of about 80 mm caliber øø

(2) Motorized artillery unit with 105-mm guns øø

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(3) An AAA battery of four guns was in concrete emplacements at the Kochajda drill ground east of the barracks. Troops were trained with the AA guns which were always covered with canvas ~~000~~.

(4) About three medium and several small armored vehicles were seen in the barracks area in early September 1949. The medium armored vehicles looked like former German tanks (x).

2. TRENCIN (P 49/T 58)

Infantry unit (battalion or regiment) (xx).

3. SENICA (P 49/T 05):

Artillery unit equipped with AT guns (xxx).

4. RUZOMBEROK (Q 50/C 99):

Artillery unit and infantry unit (y)

5. TOPOLCANY (P 49/T 64):

Component units of an artillery regiment (yy).

[ ] Comment:

\* Probably a component unit of the 39th Vyzvedny Inf Regt [ ] which was first identified with its headquarters, headquarters units and I Bn in BRATISLAVA in July 1948.

\*\* Company of the I Bn of the 4th Engr Regt which was previously confirmed in the Jelinkova Barracks, BRATISLAVA. Information is required as to where the two engineer companies were transferred and if component units of the battalion remained in the barracks. It appears unlikely that the engineer companies should have gone to the Yugoslav border, i.e. to Hungary. The transfer is presumably connected with the reorganization of the 4th Engr Regt, from which a new engineer battalion, the 4th Engr Bn [ ] in SERED, was activated (z).

\*\*\* Presumably component units of the 4th Engr Regt, which would, therefore, be confirmed in BRATISLAVA. The report refers to the bridge construction company and probably the central engineer depot of the 4th Engr Regt.

Ø The 14th Indep River Engr Bn which has been known to be stationed there since February 1949. Maj FIAM was previously identified as CO of the battalion.

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00 No horse-drawn or motorized artillery units were identified in BRATISLAVA before. A newspaper dispatch of January 1949 mentioned a BRATISLAVA artillery unit. It is possible, however, that component units of a hitherto unidentified artillery regiment may now be stationed there.

000 Presumably a battery of the 153rd AAA Regt, component units of which are known to be in BRATISLAVA.

(x) As neither tank nor armored reconnaissance units have so far been reported from BRATISLAVA, the assignment of the armored vehicles observed in the Artillery Barracks is still unknown.

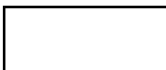
(xx) Since no infantry unit is known to be in PRENCIN, the observed unit may have been an SNB unit.

(xxx) The report confirms the 259th Mtz AT Arty Bn.

(y) Known as a military post of infantry and artillery units. It is assumed from previous reports that the 17th Mtz Inf Bn and the 201st Arty Regt are stationed there.

(yy) Probably component units of the 317th Arty Bn/8th Mtz Arty Brig or the 9th Horse-Drawn Arty Regt which are assumed to be in TOPOLCANY.

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